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SUBJECT: CHINESE-INSPIRED REPORT OF US TROOP
REINFORCEMENTS IN SOUTH KOREA

1. NEWLY-PROMOTED PIA MANAGING DIRECTOR ENVER JAMAL
TOLD ME AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD HEARD
REPORTS OF LARGE-SCALE US REINFORCEMENT OF ITS TROOPS
IN SOUTH KOREA FOLLOWING THE FALL OF SAIGON. AFTER MILD
PROBING ON MY PART, HE TOLD ME THAT THE SOURCE OF THESE
REPORTS WAS THE CHINESE HERE IN KARACHI.

2. COMMENT: JAMAL WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE CHINESE
ON MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE PIA FLIGHTS TO THEIR COUNTRY.
HE PASSED ON THIS REPORT IN THE CONTEXT OF DESCRIBING
ALLEGED NORTH KOREAN UNHAPPINESS WITH THE US OBJEC-
TION TO NORTH KOREAN CHARTER OF PIA AIRCRAFT (STATE
029787, STATE 060218), SINCE PIA IS DISCOMMODDED
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BY INABILITY TO EFFECT THIS CHARTER ARRANGEMENT,

JAMAL MAY BE INCLINED TO RAG US A BIT ON THE SUBJECT
OF OUR INVOLVEMENT IN KOREA.

3. I DO NOT FEEL OBLIGED TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO THIS
KIND OF APPROACH FROM JAMAL UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT
WISHES ME TO DO SO IN LIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG
REAFFIRMATION OF MILITARY SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA,
WHICH REPORTED IN KARACHI PRESS MORNING AFTER MY
CONVERSATION WITH JAMAL. TIGER

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